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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the referenced application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 8 and 24 through 28 remain in the application. Claims 9-23 and 29 have been cancelled.

Several of the remaining claims have been amended to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the present invention.

Affirmation of Election The election of claims 1-8, 24-28 is affirmed.

Drawings The objection to the drawings is obviated by the amendments to Claims 1 and 24 which eliminate any recitation that the interlayer extends beyond the edge of the laminate. No replacement drawing is required.

However, the Examiner's objection to the drawings is incorrect and should be removed so that "extending interlayer" language could be re-introduced into the claims if desired.

Drawing Figure 2 does disclose an extending portion of the interlayer.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the polymeric material indicated by the reference character 11. The published specification at page 5, paragraph [0042], lines 5-7, makes it clear that:

"the polymeric material (11) ... is bonded with ... the interlayer (7)".

The polymeric material bonded to the interlayer defines that portion of the interlayer that "extends beyond at least one edge of the laminate".

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 The rejection under Section 112 is obviated by the removal of the language "and/or" from the claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 The claims stand rejected under as evidenced by U.S. Patent

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2,388,786 (Knight et al.) taken alone or in combination with various other references.

In view of the amendments submitted herewith it is submitted that the pending now recite patentable subject such that any continued reliance upon the Knight reference as a ground of rejection is inappropriate.

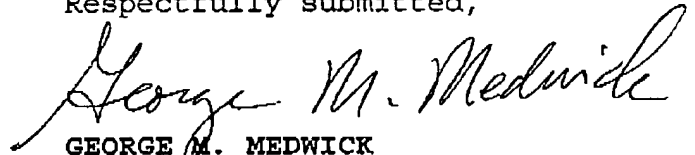
Both independent claims 8 and 24 have been amended to recite that the attachment clip includes an extension that is simultaneously spaced away from the bond between the interlayer and the interior surface of the glass and disposed exteriorly to and in parallel spaced relationship with the major exterior surfaces of the glass layer. This disposition is clearly seen in Figure 2 in which the extension of the clip is behind the glass layers.

This limitation is not disclosed, taught, suggested or obvious in view of Knight, whether taken alone or in combination with any other reference.

In Knight the entire strip 18 is captured between the interior surfaces of the glass layers 15, 16. The strip is completely engaged by (not spaced from) the plastic interlayer. The strip is not seen as lying exteriorly to the exterior surface of the glass layer.

For these reasons it is believed that this application stands in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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